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TO AMEMBASSY NDJAMENA NIACT IMMEDIATE

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INFO AMEMBASSY CAIRO PRIORITY

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1. EMBASSY SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT GOI TO EXPRESS
STRONG U.S. SUPPORT FOR IRANIAN MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO
CHAD. BOTH EMBASSY AND GOI ARE WELL AWARE OF
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PREVIOUSLY STATED RESTRICTIONS ON TYPES U.S. EQUIPMENT
WE WOULD AGREE TO TRANSFER (REFS B & C) AND NECESSARY 30-
DAY CONGRESSIONAL WAITING PERIOD. IF EMBASSY BELIEVES IT
NECESSARY TO REITERATE THESE POINTS, YOU WOULD WANT TO
EMPHASIZE TO GOI THAT THESE REMINDERS ARE MEANT IN NO
WAY TO DIMINISH STRONG AND UNAMBIGUOUS U.S. SUPPORT FOR
TRANSFERS OF APPROPRIATE EQUIPMENT TO CHAD. YOU MAY

INFORM GOI THAT OUR INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS WITH CONGRESS
ON CHAD SITUATION HAVE UNCOVERED NO OPPOSITION TO
POSSIBLE THIRD COUNTRY TRANSFERS TO CHAD.

2. IN DEMARCHE, EMBASSY MAY AGAIN MENTION THAT ANY GOI
ASSISTANCE WOULD HAVE TO BE GRANT. U.S. IS NOT ABLE TO
FINANCE ANY OF THESE TRANSFERS OR REPLACE TRANSFERRED
ITEMS WITH OTHER EQUIPMENT. EMBASSY MAY ALSO WANT TO
REMIND GOI THAT U.S. MADE FORMAL REQUEST FOR IRANIAN
SUPPORT LAST SEPTEMBER (REF D) AND WOULD WELCOME A

POSITIVE RESPONSE TO CHAD'S REQUEST.

3. EMBASSY SHOULD PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO CHADIAN
DELEGATION IF REQUESTED.

4. FYI: IF AND WHEN GOI DECIDES TO RESPOND TO GOC
REQUEST, YOU SHOULD INSURE THAT LIST OF EQUIPMENT TO
BE TRANSFERRED IS PRESENTED TO EMBASSY IN FORM OF
NOTE REQUESTING USG CONSENT. SINCE CONGRESSIONAL
NOTIFICATION REQUIRES LISTING OF ORIGINAL ACQUISITION
COSTS, THIS INFORMATION SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN NOTE,
AND WHETHER ACQUIRED BY FMS OR MAP. END FYI.

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